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WE have with unſpeakable grief of heart long beheld the diſtractions of this Our Kingdom; Our very ſoul is full of anguiſh untill We may finde ſome remedy to prevent the Miſeries which are ready to overwhelm this whole Nation by a civill War: And though all Our endeavours tending to the Compoſing of thoſe unhappy differences betwixt Us & Our two Houſes of Parliament (though purſued by Us with all Zeal and Sincerity) have bin hitherto without that Succeſſe we hoped for; yet ſuch is Our conſtant and earneſt care to preſerve the publike Peace, that We ſhall not be diſcouraged from uſing any Expedient, which by the bleſſing of the God of Mercy may lay a firm foundation of Peace and Happineſſe to all Our good Subjects: To this end obſerving that many Miſtakes have ariſen by the Meſſages, Petitions and Anſwers betwixt Us and Our two Houſes of Parliament, which happily may be prevented by ſome other way of Treatie, wherein the Matters in difference may be more cleerly underſtood, and more freely tranſacted; We have thought fit to propound to you, That ſome fit perſons may be by you inabled to treat with the like number to be authorized by Us, in ſuch a manner, and with ſuch freedom of Debate, as may beſt tend to that happy Concluſion which all good men deſire, The Peace of the Kingdom: Wherein as We promiſe in the Word of a King all ſafety and encouragement to ſuch as ſhall be ſent to Us, if you ſhall chooſe the place where we are for the Treaty, which We wholly leave to you, preſuming of your like care of the ſafety of thoſe We ſhall imploy if you ſhall name another place; So We aſſure you and all Our good Subjects, that (to the beſt of Our underſtanding) nothing ſhall be therein wanting on Our parts, which may advance the True Proteſtant Religion, Oppoſe Poperie and Superſtition, Secure the Law of the Land (upon which is built as well Our juſt Prerogative, as the Propriety and Liberty of the Subject) Confirm all juſt Power & Priviledges of Parliament, and render Us and Our people truely happy by a good Underſtanding betwixt Us and Our two Houſes of Parliament. Bring with you as firm Reſolutions to do your duty, and let all Our good People joyn with Us in Our prayers to Almighty God for his bleſſing upon this Work.

If this Propoſition ſhall be rejected by you, We have done Our duty ſo amply, that God will abſolve Us from the Guilt of any of that blood which muſt be ſpilt, and what opinion ſoever other Men may have of Our Power, We aſſure you nothing but Our Chriſtian & Pious care to prevent the Effuſion of blood hath begot this Motion, Our Proviſion of Men, Arms and Money being ſuch as may ſecure Us from further violence, till it ſhall pleaſe God to open the eyes of Our People.

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The Anſwer of the Lords and Commons to His Majeſties Meſſage the 25 of *Auguſt*. 1642.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſtie,

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, having received Your Majeſties Meſſage of the 25 of *Auguſt*, do with much grief reſent the dangerous and diſtracted ſtate of this Kingdom, which we have by all means endeavoured to prevent, both by our ſeverall Advices and Petitions to Your Majeſty, which have bin not only without ſucceſſe, but there hath followed that, which no ill counſell in former times hath produced, or any age hath ſeen, namely, thoſe ſeverall Proclamations and Declarations againſt both the Houſes of Parliament, whereby their Actions are declared Treaſonable, and their Perſons Traitors; And thereupon Your Majeſtie hath ſet up Your Standard againſt them, whereby You have put the two Houſes of Parliament, and in them this whole Kingdom out of Your Protection; ſo that untill Your Majeſtie ſhall recall the ſaid Proclamations and Declarations, whereby the Earl of *Eſſex* and both Houſes of Parliament, and their adherents and aſſiſtants, and ſuch as have obeyed and executed their commands and directions, according to their duties, are declared Traitors, or otherwiſe delinquents; And untill the Standard ſet up in purſuance of the ſaid Proclamations be taken down, Your Majeſtie hath put us into ſuch a condition, that whileſt we ſo remain we cannot by the fundamentall priviledge of Parliament; The publike truſt repoſed in us; or with the generall good and ſafetie of this Kingdom give your Majeſtie any other Anſwer to this Meſſage.

FINIS.